In Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

In Claim 5, line 4, before "list", replace "the" with --a--.

In Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

In Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

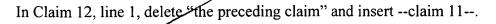In Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

9. (Amended) A system[, preferably] implementing a virus-free certificate authority (102), [for carrying out the method according to any one of the preceding claims.] said system comprises a processor that executes a program for implementing a method having steps of:

   o   receiving (300) a virus-free certificate request for a file from a system (100, 101);

   o   determining (301) whether the file is virus-free or not;

   if the file is declared virus-free by the virus-free certificate authority (102):

   o   generating (303, 304) a virus-free certificate (200) comprising a file signature (207) for certifying that said file is declared virus-free by the virus-free certificate authority (102); sending (306) back in response to the virus-free certificate request the virus-free certificate (200).

10. (Amended) A computer program recorded on a computer-readable medium and comprising instructions for [carrying out the] executing a method [according to any one of claims 1 to 8.] having the steps of:

   o   receiving (300) a virus-free certificate request for a file from a system (100, 101);

   o   determining (301) whether the file is virus-free or not;

   if the file is declared virus-free by the virus-free certificate authority (102):

   o   generating (303, 304) a virus-free certificate (200) comprising a file signature (207) for certifying that said file is declared virus-free by the virus-free certificate authority (102); sending (306) back in response to the virus-free certificate request the virus-free certificate (200).

In Claim 12, line 1, delete "the preceding claim" and insert --claim 11--.

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In Claim 13, line 1, delete "any one of claims 11 to 12" and insert –claim 11--.

In Claim 14, line 1, delete "any one of claims 11 to 13" and insert –claim 13--.

In Claim 15, line 1, delete "any one of claims 11 to 14" and insert –claim 11--.

16. (Amended) A system[, preferably a server (101) or client (100) system, for carrying out the method according to any one of claims 11 to 15.] having a processor that determines that a file is virus-free, said processor executing a program for implementing a method having steps of:

      ◦   determining (400) whether a virus-free certificate (200) is associated with a file;

if a virus-free certificate is associated with the file:

      ◦   authenticating (404) the virus-free certificate (200), said virus-free certificate comprising a certificate signature (206);

authenticating (407) the file, said virus-free certificate (200) comprising a file signature (207), said file signature certifying that said file has been declared virus-free by a virus-free certificate authority (102).

17. (Amended) A computer program recorded on a computer-readable medium comprising instructions for [carrying out the] executing a method [according to any one of claims 11 to 15.] having steps of:

      ◦   determining (400) whether a virus-free certificate (200) is associated with a file;

if a virus-free certificate is associated with the file:

      ◦   authenticating (404) the virus-free certificate (200), said virus-free certificate comprising a certificate signature (206);

authenticating (407) the file, said virus-free certificate (200) comprising a file signature (207), said file signature certifying that said file has been declared virus-free by a virus-free certificate authority (102).

In the Abstract

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